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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: EPA Comments on Round 2 Comprehensive Report Screening Level Ecological
Risk Assessment

Dear Lori:

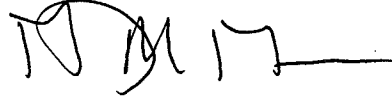
The Lower Willamette Group received EPA's Comments on the Round 2 Comprehensive Report Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment on January 18, 2008. Because some of EPA's comments appear to constitute "requirements" under Section XVIII.1 of the Administrative Order on Consent, I am writing on behalf of the Lower Willamette Group to request an extension of the 14 day deadline for initiating formal dispute resolution concerning the comments. The issues raised by these comments are related to and intertwined with EPA's comments on the Round 2 Report as a whole, and so we would like additional time to review the SLERA comments and discuss them with EPA in an effort to avoid dispute resolution.

Because EPA is delivering its comments on the Round 2 Report in multiple parts, it would be most helpful if we could agree to a single extension for the complete set of comments,

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including those comments yet to be delivered to the LWG, that would avoid the need for repeated formal requests for extension. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether EPA will allow the extension.

Sincerely,

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Patricia M. Dost

PMD:

cc: Robert Wyatt
Jim J. McKenna
Valerie Oster